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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Drug Raid in Southern California Sheds Light on Sinaloa Cartel Operations

(U) Federal authorities advised they raided a suspected drug trafficking garage in San Diego and netted more than 1,500-pounds of cocaine, 52-pounds of fentanyl, \$3.5 million in cash and 20,000 rounds of .50-caliber ammunition. The seizure is the largest haul in the history of Southern California. Agents advised the operation was tied to the Sinaloa Cartel. A fleet of vehicles with hidden compartments believe to transfer the drugs across the border was also located. Three suspects were arrested and an investigation continues.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [Washington Times](#)

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(U) Florida – Hackers Disable Levy County sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Line

(U) Bronson – The Levy County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line has been disabled for the second time this year by hackers. The actors responsible have demanded a million dollar ransom for the phones to be restored. Over the summer, hackers disabled the phone lines for more than a week. The Sheriff office is currently investigating the incident.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [WCJB News](#)

(U) New Jersey – Woman Charged with Concealing Terrorist Financing to Syrian Al-Nusra Front

(U) Newark – A Sussex County woman was arrested at her home in connection with concealing money sent to a Syrian foreign terrorist organization. The suspect was charged with knowingly concealing the provision of material support or resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization. The suspect used encrypted applications to communicate with and provide advice to fighters based in Syria who were members of the al-Nusra Front. She also provided money using an intermediary to conceal the source of the funds, and provided advice on weapons and ammunition. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 10-years in prison.

SOURCE: 25 November 2020, [US DOJ](#)

(U) New York – Two NYPD Officers Shot in Springfield Gardens, Suspect Dead

(U) Queens – Two New York City Police Department officers were injured during a shooting in Queens. Both were rushed to a local hospital with one struck in the arm and the other officer hit in the leg. The officers were attempting to assist a spouse collect her belongings at a residence with numerous domestic violence calls when the suspect opened fire. The suspect died following the shootout and authorities recovered his weapon on the scene. An investigation is currently under way.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [CBS New York](#)

(U) North Carolina – Men in Gun Conspiracy had White Supremacy Ties

(U) Bellevue – Federal prosecutors advised four men with connections to white supremacists are accused of illegally making firearms, and two of them discussed shooting protestors at a Black Lives Matter rally. The men have been charged in a superseding indictment of conspiring to make, transport and sell firearms, and then hide the sales from the federal government. The indictment also says two of the men indicted discussed on social media shooting protestors at a Black Lives Matter Rally in Boise,

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Idaho in August. Authorities advised one of the four men is currently a Marine and two are former Marines.

SOURCE: 23 November 2020, [WWAY News](#)

(U) Texas – South Carolina Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to ISIS

(U) San Antonio – Federal prosecutors announced that Kristopher Sean Matthews admitted to conspiring to provide material support to the designated foreign terrorist organization Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). By pleading guilty, Matthews admitted to conspiring with another individual to share bomb-making information for the purposes of domestic and foreign attacks on behalf of ISIS and to radicalize, and recruit other individuals to ISIS. Matthews faces up to 20-years in federal prison.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [US DOJ](#)

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(U) Afghanistan – Fourteen Dead as Twin Blasts Rock Historic Afghan City

(U) Bamiyan – At least 14 people were killed and 45 more wounded in central Afghanistan when two blasts ripped through the historic city of Bamiyan, home to many members of the mainly Shiite Hazara ethnic minority. The explosion brought to an end years of calm in the isolated town that has avoided the attacks commonplace throughout Afghanistan. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts that occurred in front of a market and near a hospital. The bombs are the latest attack in Afghanistan, where violence has surged in recent months even a Taliban and Afghan government negotiations are meeting for peace talks.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [Yahoo News](#)

(U) Russia – ISIS Attack Purportedly Thwarted in Moscow Region

(U) Moscow – Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) advised it had thwarted "terror" attacks planned by ISIS in the Moscow region, uncovering and breaking up a terrorist cell. Security officers detained one suspected ISIS member, who is believed to be a national of a Central Asian republic. During the search, officers seized a homemade bomb packed with striking elements, as well as other items, and documents.

SOURCE: 25 November 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Switzerland – Police to Investigate Terrorist Motive Behind Lugano Attack

(U) Lugano – One person has been seriously injured and another lightly hurt in an attack in a department store in the southern Swiss city of Lugano. Authorities advised the attacker, a Swiss woman living in the region, grabbed one of the victims by the throat and attacked the other with a knife. She was eventually pulled away by a couple at the scene before being arrested. Neither of the injuries to the victims are life threatening. Authorities advised an investigation would be opened into the attack and that terrorist motives were suspected.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [SwissInfo.ch](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Birmingham Woman Arrested by Terrorism Police

(U) Birmingham – A woman was arrested by counterterrorism police in Birmingham on suspicion of terrorism offenses. The arrest was part of a proactive investigation by the unit and there is not believed to be any imminent threat to the public in relation to the arrest at this time.

SOURCE: 24 November 2020, [BBC News](#)

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